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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND PROCESSING SYSTEM AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

The referenced application was allowed on January 13, 2006. The issue fee due on April 13, 2006 is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant hereby acknowledges the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. Applicant respectfully notes that there may be additional reasons for allowance that have not been specifically cited, and which may apply to various of the allowed claims, in addition to or instead of the cited reasons. Applicant respectfully suggests that notwithstanding the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, it is believed that each of the allowed claims is patentable in its own

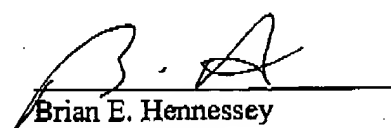
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